GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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POOR RECEPTION OF DOORDARSHAN
PRABODH PANDA;RUPCHAND MURMU

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the relay of Doordarshan Programmes in the country is poor in sound andpicture particularly from Kolkata Doordarshan alongwith rural/backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c) : Prasar Bharati have informed that technical quality of Doordarshantransmissions both in terrestrial and satellite modes, is generally satisfactory. However, improvement in transmission quality is a continuous process and for this, steps have been taken in 10th Plan to digitalise all the Satellite channels and for replacing old ageing transmitters with new transmitters. Performance of all the three high power transmitters at Kolkata is reported to be satisfactory. Recently, a Pilot project of Ku-Bandtransmission has been approved. Doordarshan has planned commencement of Ku-Band transmission by mid 2004 and thereafter, it would be possible to receive transmission (30 channel bouquet) anywhere in the country with the help of a small dish antenna receiver system.